

**CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS**

Amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

1. (three times amended) A layered composite useful for flooring coverings and wall panels with at least one decorative surface and consisting of a backing layer of a reinforced thermoplastic polymer which is not polypropylene, a decorative layer arranged thereupon and a heat-cured layer applied to the decorative layer wherein the total thickness of the layered composite is from 1 to 20 mm and whose backing layer makes up at least 80% of the thickness wherein said reinforced thermoplastic polymer comprises polyethylene, polyvinyl chloride, polyesters, polycarbonates, polyacrylates, polymethacrylates, polyamide, polyurethane, a polyacetal and/or polystyrenes, which layered composite is prepared by heating said reinforced thermoplastic polymer to at least 180°C in an extruder and then, under a pressure of at least 80 N/cm<sup>2</sup>, introducing said heated reinforced thermoplastic polymer into an injection molding chamber of an injection-molding machine into which the films for the decorative layer and the heat cured layer and an optional intermediate layer, applying to the layers in the injection-molding machine a holding pressure of at least 10 N/cm<sup>2</sup>, while maintaining said pressure, cooling to a temperature not below 60°C for a

period of not more than 4 minutes, and then  
removing the layered composite from the injection-molding chamber.

2. (twice amended) A layered composite as claimed in claim 1, where a decorative layer  
and a heat-cured layer applied to the decorative layer are present on each side  
of the backing layer made from said reinforced thermoplastic polymer  
thermoplastic polymer.

